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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-19

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: WIN REGISTRATION EXEMPTION - CARE OF A CHILD UNDER AGE SIX

(EAS SECTIONS 42-630.8 AND 42-638)

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the Department's policy regarding the Work Incentive (WIN) registration exemption based upon the care of a child up at age six (EAS Section 42-630.8).

As a result of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, the Department amended EAS Section 42-630.8 to provide a WIN registration exemption for "the parent or other relative of a child under the age of six who is personally providing care for the child with only very brief and infrequent absences from the child (Code 08)." At the time the State regulation was filed, the Federal Government had provided no information concerning the intent of the law nor was any policy interpretation given regarding the phrase, "very brief and infrequent absences." Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has indicated that the intent is to require registration of those AFDC applicants and recipients who leave their children to attend college full time. DHHS has provided no further clarification. Therefore, the Department has developed the following policy:

- 1. The parent or other caretaker relative of a child under age six who is attending college full time, as defined by the college, must register for WIN.
- Parents who are temporarily absent for other reasons are not required to register.

This policy has been communicated to the Quality Control Bureau.

The Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for Assistance (CA 2) and the Monthly Eligibility Report (CA 7) may be used to document this exemption. Completion of Items 2B and 6 on the CA 2 will satisfy the documentation requirement found in EAS Section 42-638.2.



The next revision of the CA 7 will include a specific item for reporting of full-time college attendance. In the meantime, you may wish to instruct recipients to use Item 5 to report changes in status related to this exemption.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, contact your AFDC Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.

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